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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, Applicants have studied the Examiner's comments.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. § 121, identifying the species of

- I. Figure 38;
- II. Figure 45;
- III. Figure 46; and
- IV. Figure 50.

No identification was made by the Office Action of the claims believed to correspond to each species, but the Office Action stated that "at least claim 1 is considered generic." Applicants have elected to prosecute the claims of species IV without traverse, and identify claims 1-2 and 4-50, as amended, as readable thereon.

Amendments

Applicants have amended paragraphs [00660 and [0157] of the Specification to correct minors error, for consistency with the rest of the Specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have cancelled claim 3 and amended claims 33, 38 and 49 to more clearly connect these dependent claims to elected species III. No new matter has been added. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the Specification, specifically paragraphs [0101] and [0168].

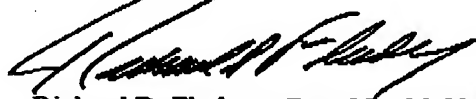
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all issues and rejections have been adequately addressed, that all claims as amended are allowable, and that the case should be advanced to issuance.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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